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FOR US REP ICAO

1. WE AGREE COMPLETELY WITH US REPS SUGGESTIONS FOR JUSTIFYING OUR PLACING THE "ENVIRONMENT" ITEM ON THE ASSEMBLY AGENDA. WHEN THE ITEM IS DISCUSSED IN THE AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, US REP SHOULD STATE THAT WE ARE PROPOSING A BROAD-GAUGE ITEM SUITABLE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RATHER THAN THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION OF THE ASSEMBLY. WE BELIEVE THERE IS A NEED FOR REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF ICAO'S ROLE IN DEALING WITH CIVIL AVIATION AND THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT AND OF URGING STANDARDIZATION IN ALL PROBLEM AREAS. WE ALSO SEE A NEED TO STRENGTHEN ICAO'S MECHANISMS FOR DEALING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

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OF CIVIL AVIATION.

2. WE HAVE IN MIND AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD EMPHASIZE: 1) THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENTS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AVIATION AND THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT IS A MATTER OF UNIVERSAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONCERN TO ALL

GOVERNMENTS; 2) THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, RECOMMENDED PRACTICES AND GUIDANCE MATERIAL CONCERNING AVIATION AND THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPED BY ICAO, A WORLDWIDE FORUM OF 135 NATIONS, AND 3) THE NEED TO ESTABLISH AN ICAO TECHNICAL BODY OR BODIES, AS HAS BEEN DONE FOR AIRCRAFT NOISE AND SONIC BOOM, TO DEAL WITH SUCH PROBLEMS AS AIRCRAFT ENGINE EMISSIONS AND STRATOSPHERIC POLLUTION CAUSED BY CIVIL AVIATION.

3. WE AGREE WITH US REP THAT RETROFIT IS A MATTER WHICH SHOULD NOT BE RAISED IN THE ASSEMBLY, PARTICULARLY THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS. US REP SHOULD KNOW THAT A DECISION BY THE PRESIDENT ON THE US POLICY CONCERNING AIRPORT NOISE AND THE RETROFIT/REPLACEMENT ISSUE IS NOW PENDING. ROBINSON

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